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OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR
1972

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1972

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1972, prepared as directed by the Minister of Health and Social Security.

The health of the Town was good generally. There were cases of Influenza during the Autumn but it seemed that the new strain of Influenza virus which had appeared was not so different from the previous one as to find the population unduly susceptible to it. Measles was the lowest for many years. The disappointing feature is the recurrence of Scarlet Fever at its old level after the dramatic drop in 1971.

The population at mid-year was estimated at 21,910 which is an increase of 910. The natural increase by excess of births over deaths, was 206, leaving 704 to be accounted for by population movement.

The birth rate of 17.7 per thousand has increased very slightly, although the natural birth rate (14.8) continues to fall.

There have been further delays in the building programme of the new hospital at Frimley and the opening date is still uncertain.

Discussions have continued on the future pattern of Health Services in North East Hampshire and it now seems fairly certain that a Health District will be established covering the catchment area of Frimley Hospital and taking in a part of Hampshire including Fleet.

Pressure of work in the Council's Health Department necessitated an increase in staff of one Public Health Inspector and Mr. N.R. Wood was appointed and commenced his duties on 12th February, 1973.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and support in my work during the year; and to Mr. Smale and my staff and other Officers of the Council for their ready help on numerous occasions.

I am Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

I.H.C. MORTON.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS 1972

Area: 3,694 acres:

Population: 21,910 (estimated mid-year, 1972) - (Census 1971 - 21,362)

Number of inhabited houses: 7,457

Sum represented by penny rate: £28,680 (estimated 1.4.73) (under new valuation)

Rateable Value: £2,805,350 (new valuation)

General Rate: 94½p in the £ (for dwelling houses)

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

Rate for
England and Wales

Total number (12 illegitimate)	398	
Rate per 1,000 population	18.2	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (0.97)	17.7	14.8
Illegitimate as a percentage of Total	3	9

Still Births

Total (all legitimate)	3	
Rate per 1,000 all births	7	12
Total all births	401	

Deaths

Total	192	
Rate per 1,000 population	8.8	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (1.16)	10.2	12.1
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	NIL	

Infant Deaths

Under 1 year (all legitimate)	3	
Rate per 1,000 live births	8	17
Under 1 week (early neonatal)	2	
Rate per 1,000 live births	5	10
Still-births plus early neonatal (perinatal)	5	
Rate per 1,000 all births	12	22

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1972

	M	F	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...		1	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	8	11	19
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases ...	-	1	1
Multiple Sclerosis	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	1	2	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	2	-	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	32	21	53
Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	6	8
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	18	29
Other Disease of Circulatory system	1	4	5
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	6	11	17
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	3	8
Asthma	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	2	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1		1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal System	1	2	3
Congenital anomalies	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1	5
All Other Accidents	1	-	1
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	1	-	1
Total all causes	92	100	192

There were more deaths than in the previous year, the biggest rise being in chest conditions in elderly people. Only one however was attributed directly to influenza.

Coronary artery disease is still the commonest cause and there were four patients under 55.

Lung cancer shows a remarkable drop. One hopes that the drive against smoking in the early 1960s is beginning to pay dividends and if this can be seen to be so in the next few years it will give greater force to the efforts of Health Educators.

There were two deaths of infants under one week due to respiratory trouble in premature babies and three stillbirths of which two had congenital defects.

The resulting rate of 12 per thousand all births, compares well with the national rate of 22 and is a testimony to the quality of the ante-natal care.

Infectious Diseases

The following Table shows the infectious diseases notified during the past five years.

Infectious Diseases	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Scarlet Fever	17	17	12	1	15
Measles	34	18	294	11	7
Whooping Cough	8	-	11	3	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	2	9	2
Infective Hepatitis		4	1	6	1
Tuberculosis	3	2	4	1	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	2	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	1	-

Measles

On previous form, this should have been an epidemic year. So it does seem that the immunisation campaign, which started in 1968, is being successful.

Scarlet Fever

It is disappointing to see that the number of cases has risen to its old level after the dramatic drop last year. The cases occurred all over the town and it was not possible to relate any significant number to a particular school.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Only one case of Gonorrhoea was recorded and five of other conditions outside the main venereal diseases.

Immunisation

The number of children recorded as immunised is shown in the following tables:-

Year of Birth	TRIPLE		DIP-TET		POLIO		SMALLPOX		MEASLES	RUEBELLA
	Primy	Reinf	Primy	Reinf	Primy	Reinf	Primy	Reinf		
1972	148	1	-	-	120	-	4	-	-	-
1971	445	100	6	1	479	93	21	1	179	-
1970	49	179	1	3	53	177	-	-	105	-
1969	2	16	1	2	3	18	24	8	24	-
65/68	2	74	8	230	9	252	-	-	30	-
Others Under 16	-	8	6	29	-	28	12	101	2	159
TOTAL	646	378	22	265	664	568	61	110	340	159

Immunisation (Continued)

A final reinforcing dose of Tetanus and Poliomyelitis is now offered to all children on leaving school. As some are over 16 years of age when they leave, they are not shown in the above table.

B.C.G.

Court Moor School, Fleet.

Acceptance of the offer of vaccination was 93%

Number of children Heef tested	-	80
Number of children positive	-	1
Number of children vaccinated	-	77

Calthorpe Park School, Fleet.

Acceptance of the offer of vaccination was 90.5%

Number of children Heef tested	-	142
Number of children positive	-	4
Number of children vaccinated	-	119

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff:

Attachment	Name and Address
Drs. Tilly, Winchurch and Harrison, The Surgery, Branksomewood Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3624	Mrs. M.M. Spelman, (District Nurse) 21 Wood Lane, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6797
	Miss S. Hicks, (District Midwife) 29 Kings Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 7178
	Mrs. E. A. Hill, (Health Visitor) 79 Kings Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 6298

Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff: (Continued)

Attachment	Name and Address
Drs. Newell-Price, Collings-Wells and Studholme, The Surgery, 21 Basingbourne Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3456	Miss B.M. Grubb, (District Nurse/ la Linkway, Midwife) Fleet. Tel. Fleet 21025
	Mrs. Z. Collyer, (Health Visitor) 61 Ferndale Road, Church Crookham. Tel. Fleet 5655
Drs. Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright, Aubrey and Donald, Hillside Surgery, 16 Crookham Road, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3327	Mrs. N. Derham, (District Nurse) Forth House, Bracknells Lane, Hartley Wintney. Tel. Hartley Wintney 2585
	Mrs. P.E. Fraser (District Midwife) 4 Oakley Drive, Fleet, Tel. Fleet 6802
	Miss D.L. Heath (Health Visitor) 69 Greenways, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3575
	Mrs. R. Molyneaux (Health Visitor) 8 Montrose Close, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 3940
Group Relief - Fleet Area	Mrs. G. Walker (District Nurse) 13 Fairland Close, Fleet. Tel. Fleet 4964

This area for general hospital purposes comes under the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

An extension to the out-patients department at Fleet Hospital has been completed and is now in use.

In addition to the total of 30 beds, a new wing has been added and is now in use, which provides a further 16 beds consisting of two units containing 6 beds in each and one unit containing 4 beds. These units can be shut off and used as additional wards for male or female patients as the occasion demands.

Cases of infectious diseases are treated at Northfield Hospital, Aldershot. The ambulance service provides for the removal of patients to hospital through the North-East Ambulance Station at Hawley.

The County Council is responsible for School Medical Services, Maternity and Child Welfare, the care of premature infants and illegitimate children and the Tuberculosis service (prevention, care and after care only).

The special clinic for Venereal Diseases is held at the General Hospital, Aldershot and is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Hospital Board.

Laboratory Facilities:

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at the Public Health Laboratory, St. Lukes Hospital, Guildford. Tel.No. Guildford 66091 and the Director is Dr. Joan Davies. All types of bacteriological examinations are carried out there.

Chemical examinations of water are carried out by the City Analyst of Portsmouth by arrangement with Portsmouth City Council.

Examinations and analyses of foods generally is carried out by the Council's Public Analysts, (Messrs. Bernard Dyer and Partners Ltd., London).

Clinic and Treatment Centres:

Vaccination and Immunisation:

Clinics are held at the Schools as required.

Special Clinics:

Women

Monday 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
at Aldershot General Hospital,
St. Georges Road, Aldershot.

Men

Monday 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
and Wednesday 4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
at Aldershot General Hospital,
St. Georges Road, Aldershot.

Chest Clinics:

At Northfield Hospital,
Redan Road, Aldershot
held every Monday, 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients 11.00 a.m.
New Patients second Monday every
month - Special Bronchitic Clinic.

One Monday every month - B.C.G.
Session.

One Monday every month - Post
B.C.G. Session.

Tuesday, 9.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
Old and new contacts. Old patients.
Urgent new patients.

Held every Thursday 9.15 a.m.
Old Patients and urgent new
Patients.

Held on first, third and fifth
Wednesday in the month at Fleet
Hospital, Old and new Patients.

Child Health Clinics:

Fleet.

Every Friday morning at the British
Red Cross Centre, Clarence Road,
Fleet.

Fleet.

Every second and fourth Thursday
afternoons in each month at
Heatherlands Evangelical Church,
77 Aldershot Road, Fleet.

Church Crookham.

Every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 p.m.
- 4.00 p.m. Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane,
Church Crookham.

Dr. Newell-Price ,
The Surgery,
Basingbourne Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday afternoon

Dr. Aubrey,
Hillside Surgery,
Crookham Road,
Fleet.

Every Monday afternoon and every Friday
afternoon.

Outside the district but serving the area, School Clinics are held
as follows:-

School Eye Clinic at
Aldershot Health Centre
Wellington Avenue,
Aldershot.

By appointment.

Audiology Clinic at
Aldershot Health Centre, By appointment
Wellington Avenue,
Aldershot.

Speech Clinic at
Aldershot Health Centre, By appointment
Wellington Avenue,
Aldershot.

Speech Clinic at School Clinic,
The Grange Junior School, By appointment
Wren Way, off Mayfield Road,
Farnborough.

Child Guidance Clinic at
Aldershot Health Centre, By appointment
Wellington Avenue,
Aldershot.

Dental treatment is available under County Dental Service for children of school age, pre-school children and expectant and nursing mothers. This is now provided in the new Dental Clinic at Fleet Courtmoor School by appointment only.

Diphtheria/Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccinations:

Diphtheria/Tetanus and Whooping Cough vaccination prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County Council and it is a free service. Parents may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor. Children under school age can still be immunised at the weekly child health clinics.

Prevention of Cancer of the Womb - The "Smear Test":

The County Council hold clinics at Aldershot Health Centre, Wellington Avenue, Aldershot, for the early detection of cancer of the womb, for all women over the age of 35. Application for appointments are made to the County Medical Officer, The Castle, Winchester.

The Area Director of Social Services for North East Hants (Mr.W.J. Shaw) is located at 200 Victoria Road, Aldershot. Tel. No. 314221.

Fleet is covered by this office and the group officer is Miss D.H. Newton.

Requests for help should be made:-

Mondays to Fridays - 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. to the Area Office.

For emergencies at other times to the Ambulance Control, Tel. No. Winchester 61644 who will have the telephone number of the Social Worker on duty.

The Home Help Sub-Office remains at 111 Fleet Road, Fleet, which is administered by Mrs. P.M. Roberts, Home Help Organiser. Tel.No. Fleet 6513.

Mondays 9.00 to 11.30 a.m.

Fridays 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

The number of Home Helps employed in the Fleet Urban District is 18.

The following information is kindly supplied by the Organiser:-

	Maternity	Emergency Sickness	Post Hospital	Child Care	Mentally Disordered	Chronic Sick	Aged Sick and Infirm
Cases B/F from 1971	2	-	2	-	-	5	59
New Cases assisted	24	12	14	5	-	11	66
	26	12	16	5	-	16	125
Cases Closed	26	12	16	5	-	7	58
Total on Register December 1972	-	-	-	-	-	9	67

National Assistance Act 1948

No action was required under this Act.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1972

To the Chairman and Members of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1972 and the twenty-sixth since my appointment in 1947.

The figures for total inspections of all premises for the year 1972 showed an increase over the previous year and so did those for routine inspections of food premises, the latter by 62 but as 54 of these were in respect of market stalls, there was still a need for the stepping up of the routine inspection work on food hygiene. After some disappointment over the appointment of another Additional Public Health Inspector, one was finally appointed early in 1973 and in fact, commenced duty on February 12th 1973. This addition to the Inspectorate should result in the more frequent inspection of food premises in the coming years.

On the housing front, disappointment followed disappointment with regard to Phase I of the proposed Lea Wood Development and at the time of writing this report, the scheme had still not got under way and it would appear that no houses will be available for letting until the merger of the district into the new Hartley Wintney District Authority takes place on the 1st April 1974.

The Award Road site was nearing completion at the end of the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The whole of the water supply for the area is provided by the Mid-Southern Water Company, and I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Company for the following report:-

1. (a) i The Sources supplying the Urban District are all underground in the chalk formation. All are subject to treatment which includes softening and regular examination has shown that the processes are continually effective in producing a water of the Statutory hardness, and suitable for public supply purposes.
ii There have been no restrictions regarding quantity.
- (b) Immediate remedial measures would be initiated if sampling revealed contamination of a treated water. Reservoirs and taps in distribution are examined regularly, and new mains as laid are chlorinated and sampled prior to use for supply purposes.
- (c) i The figure for standpipes would be nil.
- (d) The fluoride content is low, the range being 0.1 - 0.2 ppm.
2. (a) Samples of raw and treated waters are examined bacteriologically weekly, the results of the treated waters being forwarded to you regularly.

Water Supply (Continued)

It is impossible to segregate entirely those results applicable solely to the Urban District, but the most relevant figures for 1972 are:-

	Number Tested	% Highly Satisfactory
Raw waters before treatment	104	
Treated waters at Head Works	104	100.0
	208	

The raw waters are virtually constant in composition, but chemical analysis are undertaken regularly, and also on samples of softened water.

(b) The waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Water Sampling:

(a) Public Mains Supply

Four samples of Mid-Southern Water Company's main supply were taken from sources in different parts of the district and all were reported satisfactory bacteriologically. The hardness figures were 12.6 degrees (Clark's Scale), 11.8, 11.8 and 11.9.

(b) Public Swimming Pools.

There are two privately owned public swimming pools in the district. One is an open air pool, where the water (a main supply) is treated by aeration, filtration and chlorination and the other is a heated indoor one, where the water (a main supply) is treated by filtration and chlorination. Regular chemical testing for chlorine content, carried out as routine, provides a reasonable check on the bacterial quality of the water.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

I am indebted to your Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. C.J. Eastman, C. Eng., M.I.Mun.E., M.Inst.H.E., for the following report:-

Disposal Works

The Council received a Consultants report in January 1972 on the works necessary to consistently reach the required standards without land irrigation treatment and to cope with the M3 Service Area, but felt the report was unacceptable as it only produced a works capable of dealing with 28,000 population.

Disposal Works (Continued)

Fresh Consultants, Messrs. Howard Humphries, were appointed, who reported in October, 1972 on the works necessary to accommodate a population equivalent of 33,000. The Council raised the design standard for domestic water usage from 40 to 45 gallons per head per day and further meetings took place with the Water Pollution Research Laboratory and the Department of the Environment on the design.

Thames Conservancy will also influence the design as they have intimated that new standards will be enforced on any increased discharge licence and all these factors are expected to be taken into account in a report early in 1973.

Sewerage

(a) Soil Drainage

The Elvetham Road pumping station designed in the Engineer and Surveyor's department has been substantially completed at a tender figure of £9,595 by the contractors, Williams Construction Company Ltd.

Sewer adoptions on new estates continued and a scheme involving a pumping station at Dinorben is operational, also a sewer easement was given to development at Rounton Road.

Contract 14 designed by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons to provide a pumping station and rising main from the M3 Service area was let for contract to Messrs. Hussey, Egan and Pickmere (Southern) Ltd., for the sum of £25,824. and work has commenced with the completion due in spring 1973 and the resident Engineer being supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor's department.

Bonus schemes were introduced during the year for sewer workers and pumping station fitters.

Small sewer improvements are to be carried out in Lea Springs and a sewer extension in Velmead Road to houses not on main drainage will be constructed when development reaches the area.

No new trade effluent agreements were made in the year but negotiations are in hand with a firm that currently tankers its waste away privately.

(b) Surface Water

A revised scheme was brought out by the Consultants, Messrs D. Balfour & Sons, and they were instructed to proceed with the application to the Department of the Environment for approval to the estimated cost of £165,000. Private development to adjoining watercourses at Albany Road involved culverting works which conformed with the overall surface water scheme.

Bonus schemes were introduced during the year for ditching and culvert clearing workers.

News came during the year of the County Council's intention to acquire the canal for recreational purposes, and this was welcomed by the Council.

Refuse Collection

It was evident early in the year that the four rounds needed to be split into five more manageable areas and so a new vehicle was purchased and work study officers from the Hampshire County Council introduced the new rounds in the spring.

This system has continued to function without major troubles and one advantage is that the new vehicle has proved most useful in the Bulky Household Refuse special collections which are now offered free.

Consideration was given to salvage collection but rejected after consideration of a Local Authorities Management Services Report.

Refuse Disposal

The joint tipping arrangement with Hartley Wintney Rural District Council at Bramshill has continued and a sum of £35,000 has been allowed for in next year's estimates to pay the Council's share of a pulveriser at Hollybush Lane, Aldershot which is proposed by the North East Hants Consortium.

Preparation for this has involved inspection of various hammer mills etc. and planning permission for the site has been applied for by Aldershot Council.

Civic Amenity tipping has continued at Broomhurst Farm, and has proved so popular that a second skip has been provided.

General

Regional Water Authorities are being set up currently with Local Government Reorganisation and due to become effective on 1st April, 1974.

The act also gives these Regional Water Authorities powers in respect of river pollution water supply, land drainage and recreational use of water.

Working parties have been set up in the area to deal with the immense amount of preparatory work necessary for this operation and Fleet Council is represented on these.

Bonus schemes were introduced during the year for almost all the service departments with the agreement of the trade unions concerned and maintenance is carried out by an employee of the district council consortium.

Local Government Reorganisation due in April 1974 will involve the transfer of many functions to Hampshire County Council including Refuse Disposal and disposal of abandon vehicles.

The report of the river pollution survey of England and Wales was received which gave the local streams a clean bill of health.

Population and Area development statistics have been kept and the Registrar General's figure for mid-year 1972 was 21,910.

Publication of Ordnance Survey 1/1250 Maps for the area has improved the sewer record system.

Housing.
Improvement Grants

The increased publicity carried out by the Department of the Environment concerning Improvement Grants seemed to have borne fruit in 1972 as there was an increase in applications of nearly 50%, mainly in the "discretionary" type of grant. It is to be hoped that this trend continues into 1973 and succeeding years, thus raising the standard of the housing stock in the district.

The following table summarises the applications received and the action taken thereon.

Type of Grant	Applications received	No. of Premises	No. approved (Premises)	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Improvement (formerly discretionary)	31	32	32	27	5
Standard	4	4	4	1	3
Totals	35	36	36	28	8

Housing.
General

Due to lack of Inspectoral staff it was not possible to carry out the housing survey called for in Department of the Environment Circular No.50/72 - "Slums and Older Housing - An Overall Strategy".

However, a new Public Health Inspector was appointed in February 1973 and this has made it possible to carry out the survey and details of it will be recorded in the Annual Report for 1973.

From knowledge of the district, gained over a period of some twenty-seven years, it would be surprising to find either that there was a slum clearance problem or that there were more than a small percentage of houses not up to the "twelve point standard", in the district.

A start had not been made on the construction of the first phase of housing on the Lea Wood Site, due to many difficulties and it now seems improbable that the first houses will be completed before early 1974. This is most disappointing for the families on the Housing waiting list and also for the Council's Housing Committee whose strenuous efforts to get the scheme started have met with such frustration.

House Building Progress.

The total number of post-war houses erected in the district is:-

Council Houses : 576 - no increase.

Private enterprise : 3,901 - an increase of 240

making a total of 4,477.

I am indebted to your Housing Officer (Mr. M.G. Atkins) for the following report:-

The year 1972 saw the introduction of the Council's policy of selling certain of its council houses to tenants who qualified in accordance with the approved house purchase scheme drawn up for this purpose. Initially 157 qualifying tenants had their attention drawn to this facility. Approximately 20 expressed an interest in house purchase and were interviewed, which resulted in 8 being eventually sold to the tenants concerned. Only 3 other council houses had been sold many years earlier.

In the field of letting, this has been confined to re-lets in the Council's existing housing stock, as the only new acquisition during the year was Chernocke Cottage on a temporary basis, which was subsequently demolished and a flat at Harlington made available, again as a temporary expedient. This has at least enabled one family of 5 to be housed who were living in adverse conditions. The completion of Curtis Court has been further delayed, and it will now be early spring of 1973 before the tenants can take up occupation.

The policy of transferring tenants to accommodation more suitable to means, size of family etc., has been maintained wherever possible, and its effect is reflected in the analysis of lettings for the year shown below:-

General Housing - transfers to more suitable accommodation -	7
- new tenancies	16
- N.G.T.E.	2
Old People's Housing - new tenancies	9
Warden Assisted - new tenancies	9
	<u>43</u>

All applicants on the waiting list are invited to re-register annually, and this left the strength of the waiting list, including new applicants, as follows:-

		Deferred
General Housing	141	50
Old People's Housing	87	53
Warden-Assisted Housing	40	-
Slum Clearance	-	-
Service Personnel	20	7
Teachers	3	-
	<u>291</u>	<u>110</u>

NOTE:

Teachers and Warden-Assisted Applicants are not placed on the deferred list for one year.

Caravans

The one privately-owned and operated caravan site, situated in Church Crookham, was maintained in its usual efficient manner. The number of caravans allowed to be stationed on the site was increased by six making a total of 146.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council is a constituent member, together with other Local Authorities in the North East of the County, of the North Hants Pest Control Committee, which now meets three times a year to discuss problems, hear technical lectures and see films on rodent and other pest problems. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Defence Department attend. Locally a free service continued to be given to both business and private premises.

A summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator is given below:-

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of Properties in District	7214	5
2.(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	308	-
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	230	-
(ii) Mice	101	-
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	217	5
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	163	5
(ii) Mice	69	3

Insect Pest Destruction

Dwelling houses were treated for the following pests:-

Flies, ants and fleas and advice on the eradication of other pests, not defined as rodent pests under the Act, was given.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

This statute deals with the environmental welfare of employees in offices, shops, etc., (sanitary accommodation, water supply, heating, lighting, temperature and first aid) and action is now confined to following up notices served, inspecting new premises and the routine inspection of existing registered premises.

The following table gives the statistical position at the end of 1972.

TABLE "A"

REGISTRATIONS AND
GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of Premises newly registered during the year	Total No.of registered Premises at end of year	No. of registered Premises receiving general inspection during the year.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	8	51	12
Retail Shops	14	126	41
Wholesale Shops Warehouses	1	4	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	1	15	5
Fuel storage depots.	-	1	-
Total	24	197	58

TABLE "B"

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE "C"
ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND

Section of the Act	Facility or other Matter	Number found
6(1)	Inadequate heating	1
6(4)	Thermometer (Lack of)	6
9	Sanitary Conveniences	4
10(1)	Washing Facilities	3
12	Accommodation for clothing	1
16(1)	Floors	1
16(2)	Handrail to stairs	2
16(4)	Opening - Stairwell	1
24	First Aid Provisions	8
50	Abstract - Information for Employees	11
4	Cleanliness	3
	Total	41

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Five accidents to employees were reported under the Act. These varied from accidents when unloading vehicles to slipping on office staircase. None were serious and although all were investigated none warranted statutory action against the employers.

The County Council remain responsible through their Weights and Measures Department for the closing provisions of the Shops Acts.

DRAINAGE

No further dwelling-houses, on cesspool drainage, were connected to the public sewers during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

There is now only one producer of milk within the Urban District, and thirty retailers of bottled milk - (twenty-six from shops only).

Nine inspections of dairies were made during the year and no statutory action was called for.

No unprocessed milk is now sold in the area.

(b) Sampling

A total of eighty samples were taken with the following results:-

Designation	No.of Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test			Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test	U.H.T Test
		P	F	Test Void	P	F	Satis- factory	Satis- factory
Pasteurised	68	67	1	-	65	3	-	-
Sterilised	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Ultra Heat Treated	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Totals	80	67	1	-	65	3	10	2

Although thorough investigations were carried out no explanation could be found in the cases of the few failures recorded.

Fifteen of the samples of pasteurised milk were taken from a new pasteurisation plant installed in a local dairy, as a means of testing the efficiency of the plant. All these samples passed the prescribed tests.

No action was required under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959, which provides for action where milk is suspected of having caused disease in human beings.

Designated Milk

The local authority under delegated powers from the County Council issue Dealers' Licences on behalf of the latter.

At the end of 1972 the following licences were in force:-

- For Pasteurised Milk : 1 Dealer's (Pasteuriser's)
- For Untreated Milk : 26 Dealers (Pre-packed Milk)
- For Sterilised Milk : 2 Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk)
- For Ultra Heat Treated Milk : 10 Dealers' (Pre-packed Milk)

The one pasteurising establishment in the district is licensed by the local authority on behalf of the County Council.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

No samples of raw milk were examined.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

Meat and Food Inspection

The following articles of food were surrendered and condemned as being unfit for human food.

Meat (offal)	-	205 lbs.	Cooked Meat and	-	68 lbs.
Meat (carcase)	-	527½lbs.	Meat products		
Fish	-	Nil	Bottled fruit	-	187 bottles
Tinned Meats	-	112 lbs.	juices, squash etc.		
(various)			Cheese	-	6 lbs.
Tinned foods	-	2,028 tins	and a large quantity of frozen		
(various)			foodstuffs surrendered because		
Miscellaneous	-	202 lbs.	of refrigerator failures.		
Foods					

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970

In accordance with paragraph 9 (b) of Circular 1/72 the following information is given:-

Trade	No. of Premises
Butchers	12
Bakehouses and Confectioners	8
Cooked Meats	2
Fish (raw)	4
Fish (fried)	3
Greengrocery	9
Grocers (including mixed shops)	31
Factory and School Canteens	8
Ice Cream Premises	54
Frozen Food Premises	1
Cafes	9

A total of 326 inspections of all types of food premises were made during the year.

No ice cream is manufactured in the district and there are 54 retail premises where only a pre-packed article is sold.

Foods and Drugs Act 1955

The following table gives details of complaints about the fitness of food and the action taken:

DETAILS OF FOOD COMPLAINED OF	ACTION TAKEN
Section 2	
(1) Fish cake (foreign matter)	Warning to manufacturers
(2) Cough sweet (discolouration)	No action after Analyst's Certificate
(3) Bread (discolouration)	No action after Analyst's Certificate
(4) Stewed Steak (foreign body)	Warning to manufacturers.
(5) Bread (foreign matter)	Manufacturers warned.
(6) Meringue Shells (foreign matter)	Manufacturers warned
(7) Celery Hearts (discoloured)	No action after Analyst's Certificate
(8) Ready Brek Cereal (foreign matter)	Official warning to manufacturers.
(9) Frozen Plaice (foreign matter)	Warning to manufacturers
(10) Cheese (mould)	Official warning to manufacturers.
Section 8	
(11) Milk powder (taste)	No action after Analyst's Certificate.
(12) Roast Pork (unfit)	Retailer warned.
(13) Chicken Drumsticks (unfit)	Official warning to manufacturers

The number of complaints dealt with nearly doubled as compared with last year when the figure was seven, but there is no real significance in this.

Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966

The use of "Harlington" municipal car park for a one-day (Saturday) open-air market was continued throughout the year. The Department's main interest is in connection with the five stalls which were selling food. No complaints were received regarding the same and no statutory action was called for.

Adulteration etc.

The County Council is the responsible Authority.

I am indebted to Mr. J.S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer, for the following report:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1972, 77 samples were obtained relevant to the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 within the area of the Fleet Urban District Council.

Milk Samples

45 Samples of milk, including 32 of "Channel Islands", were procured two of the latter being unsatisfactory due to slight deficiencies in fat but not in the circumstances involving any offence. These particular samples were included in a consignment of churns of milk which were checked whilst in course of delivery from the producer to a wholesale dairy, the average fat content being up to the required standard.

Other Articles

32 Samples of other foods and drugs were taken, including four of ice cream. The results were unsatisfactory in three cases but the discrepancies, which are referred to below, were not such as to call for legal action.

Ice Cream - incorrect label

The ice cream was of satisfactory composition but the presence of non-milk fat was not declared by notice in accordance with the appropriate regulations. The omission was made known to the vendor responsible.

Fish Fingers in Batter Coating - deficient of fish

The article contained 55% of fish. Although not at present subject to an official standard it was considered that the proportion of fish in a product of this type should not be less than 60%. This matter was taken up with the manufacturers.

Trifle - incorrect label

The label on the container of the trifle referred to the product as "Home Made with Real Oranges" and carried an illustration of two whole oranges and a half orange. Exception was taken to these descriptions in that the product contained only one small segment of orange and the term "Home Made" was not regarded as appropriate for a commercially produced article. Also, the ingredients of the trifle were not declared in accordance with the Labelling of Food Regulations. These complaints were taken up with the producer with a view to appropriate modifications of the label.

General

In addition to actual sampling, attention was given to the requirements of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act with regard to the labelling and descriptions of the various products affected.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WORK

Details of the inspections carried out during the year are given in the following table:-

Premises Inspected	No. of Inspections
Re: Water Supply	18
Drainage	307
Accumulations of Refuse	4
Noise Nuisances	15
Swimming Pools	21
Caravan Sites	26
Animal Boarding Establishments	1
Factories	28
Pet Shops	2
Keeping of Animals	3
Pest Infestation	17
Public Conveniences	13
Rodent Control	16
Atmospheric Pollution (Clean Air)	48
Schools	9
Shops	38
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	101
Rivers Pollution	46
Miscellaneous Hygiene Visits	100
Enquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	22
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	2
Enquiries re Food Poisoning	19
 Food Hygiene	
Butchers	9
Dairies and Milk Distributors	23
Fishmongers and Fish Fryers	6
Grocers	37
Greengrocers	6
Sweet Confectioners	10
Bakers and Confectioners	7
Cafes and Canteens	12
Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles	62
Milk Sampling	80
Miscellaneous Food Visits	55
Food Preparing Premises	4
Schools	6
Clubs	3
Licensed Premises	6
 Housing:	
Under Public Health Acts	19
Re-inspections under Public Health Acts	42
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	21
Overcrowding	2
Re-Improvement Grants	143
Re-inspections - Works in progress	434
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	2
Inspections re Qualification Certificates	13

The Rodent Operator also carried out the work of unstopping drains on request, at a nominal charge to the occupier of 50p per hour. This scheme is to the advantage of the occupier and is instrumental in the prevention of public health nuisances.

Complaints:

Rodent Infestation	...	...	...	324
Drainage (obstructed drains)	...	...	...	343
Pest Infestations (general)	...	...	...	258
Public Health Nuisances (General)	...	...	...	60
				985

The general pest infestations were:-

Squirrels	-	52
Bees	-	17
Wasps	-	89
Ants	-	17
Other Pests	-	83

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act 1961, are now given as an Appendix to the Report.

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Form of Notice	Number Served	Premises	Defects
Informal: Sanitary Defects	4	4	25
Statutory: Sanitary Defects	-	-	-

In conclusion, I must once again express to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my appreciation of their support. I also express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, the Treasurer and finally to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Morton.

Once again I pay tribute to the small staff without whose loyalty and efficiency the Department would not function as satisfactorily as it does.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

F.E. Smale.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

June 1973.

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PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	58	28	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals	58	28	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
-	----- NIL -----				--- NIL ---

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Sections 133 and 134

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I.H.C. Morton.

Medical Officer of Health.

June 1973.

